

REMARKS

The Office Action, mailed February 16, 2006 considered claims 1-28 and 42-59. Claims 42-44 were rejected under 35 USC 112 second paragraph, and 35 USC 101. Claims 1-4, 8-13, 16, 17, 19-24, 26, 27, 42-45, 48, 49, 52, 53 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freund, et al. (US 2003/0167405) and further in view of Phillips (US 6,748,195). Claims 5-7, 14, 15, 18, 25, 28, 54, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freund in view of Phillips and further in view of Lipe, et al (US 5,748,980). Claims 46,47, 50 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freund in view of Phillips and further in view of Akiyama, et al. (US 6,757,821). Claims 56-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freund in view of Phillips and further in view of I'Anson, et la. (US 6,760,046).¹

By this paper, claims 1, 42, 57 and 58 have been amended. Claims 1-28, and 42-49 remain pending, of which claims 1 and 42 are the only independent claims at issue.²

35 USC 101 and 112 REJECTIONS

Claims 42-44 were rejected under 35 USC 112 for reciting a product and method in the same claims. While Applicants disagree with the rejection, claim 42 has nonetheless been amended to obviate the rejections. In particular claims 42 now recites: one or more computer-readable media carrying computer-executable instructions, that when executed at the computer system, cause the computer system to perform the method-acts recited in claim 1.

35 USC 103 REJECTIONS

The claims, as recited in claims 1 and 42, for example, are directed to embodiments for selecting characteristics associated with a network environment a computer system is being newly connected to, so as to reduce the configuration information that needs to be manually

¹ Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

² Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, but with particularity at paragraphs [0053]-[0054]. In particular, the Examiner's attention is directed to the last sentence of paragraph [0053] which states that "an internal module may be a provider module and a receiver module. ...an internal module may provide as well as receive parameters." Thus, while paragraphs [0053] and [0054] focus on a time and date module of the operating system as providing parameters, the time and date parameters and country dependant parameters of the operating system may also have parameters reconfigured. See also paragraph [0065] for a discussion of country dependent parameters including language and currency symbols.

entered by a user. The recited embodiments include connecting a computer system, which is configured with a first configuration, to a network environment from among the number of network environments. Then, parameters are received from the new network environment, which are combined to generate an identifier. The identifier is then used to select characteristics specific to the network environment that the computer system is being connected to. Using these selected characteristics, which correspond specifically to the network environment that the computer system is being connected to, the configuration of the computer system is modified from the first configuration to a new configuration. As further clarified by the claims, this modification or reconfiguration of the computer system includes reconfiguring time and date parameters in a module in an operating system.

In regard to the foregoing claim embodiments, Applicants respectfully submit that the art of record does not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention for at least failing to not show time and date parameters being reconfigured as a result of connecting to a specific network environment, as recited in combination with the other recited claim elements.

Specifically, Freund is directed to a client system recognizing a new network and thereafter determining whether to include or exclude the network from a trusted zone. The profile of the new network is also stored so as to later apply the same network security settings to the new network that were previously adopted. (Abstract, Summary). Freund is silent, however with respect to updating time and date parameters in a module of an operating system.

Philips is generally directed to wireless devices operating in different contexts, such as different locations, user skills, user age, user gender, etc., and adjusting operational behavior depending on the context. (Abstract). Philips is silent, however, with respect to updating time and date parameters in a module of an operating system.

Lipe is generally directed to configuring devices in a computer. (Abstract). Lipe is silent, however with respect to updating time and date parameters in a module of an operating system.

Akiyama is generally directed to changing system settings for different environments. (Abstract). Such settings include browser setup settings, network setup settings, dial-up network related settings, screen related settings (resolution, color depth, wallpaper, etc.), and power saving settings. (Col. 5, lines 17-39). Akiyama is silent, however with respect to updating time and date parameters in a module of an operating system.

I'Anson is generally directed to displaying home and away browser interfaces. (Abstract). The home interface includes information such as links to store websites and event websites for stores and events local to a user's home area. Col. 9, lines 33-35. The away interface includes links to map websites, travel websites, currency exchange websites, etc. I'Anson is silent, however with respect to updating time and date parameters in a module of an operating system.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the other rejections to the claims are now moot and do not, therefore, need to be addressed individually at this time. It will be appreciated, however, that this should not be construed as Applicants acquiescing to any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action regarding the cited art or the pending application, including any official notice. Instead, Applicants reserve the right to challenge any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action, including any official notice, at any appropriate time in the future, should it arise.

While specific arguments to do not need to be made regarding the dependent claims, applicants would like to point out that the art cited by the Examiner does not necessarily show the limitations recited by those claims. Several examples of this can be found, but three particular examples are addressed here.

Claim 47, for example, recites that "modifying the configuration includes changing a favorites list." To show this element, the Office Action cites Akiyama at col. 5, line 7-39. Akiyama notes that a browser setup can be changed, but only shows proxy settings, dial-up network setup name used, start page and connection method being changed. Akiyama is silent with respect to favorite's lists, however. As such, Akiyama is an improper reference for claim 47, and as such applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn as a reference for this claim.

Claim 57, as amended, recites "modifying the configuration by changing one or more country dependent operating system module settings." Claim 58 as amended now recites wherein the one or more country dependent operating system module settings include one or more of a language setting and a currency symbol setting. To show similar elements prior to claims 57 and 58 being amended, the Office Action cited to I'Anson at col. 9, lines 29-38. However, this reference merely points out that a web page interface can display "*links* to map websites, travel websites, currency exchange websites etc." These embodiments in I'Anson,

however, do not include software or operating system reconfigurations. Instead, they merely link to other informational sites. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that l'Anson should be removed as a reference.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are neither anticipated by nor made obvious by the art of record. In the event that the Examiner finds and remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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